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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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BLACK MARKETING OF FOODGRAINS MEANT FOR MDM
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrains allotted by the Union Government for Mid-Day-Meal (MDM) scheme are being reportedly sold in the open market;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases reported during the year 2006-07 so far;

(c) whether an increase in number of such cases has been registered this year as compared to last two years; and

(d) the States from where reports have been received in regard to irregularities in distribution of the foodgrains meant for the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c)&(d): The allocation of foodgrain for Mid day Meal Scheme (MDM) is administered, (distributed & monitored) by Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), Department of Social Education & Literacy. Food Corporation of India is supplying wheat and rice to the State Governments or their nominees as per the allocation made by the Min. of HRD and its further distribution to the beneficiaries i.e. students of the primary education rests with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. Ministry of HRD has reported 2 cases of black marketing of foodgrains meant for MDM which have come to their notice.

i) 8 rice laden trucks meant for MDM lifted by 3 NGOs from Bullandshahar (UP) were seized by Delhi Police in Samaipur, Badli area in December, 2005. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that the contract of the concerned NGOs has been cancelled and an FIR has been lodged against the culprits. Basic Shiksha Adhikari, Bulland shahar has been suspended. Orders have been issued for special audit of the funds of the NGOs and ban on inter-district transfer of foodgrains issued under MDM Scheme has been imposed.

ii) Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that during current year two trucks bearing number DL-1 GB-1154 and DL-1 GB 4949 carrying the rice lifted by the NGOs/Suppliers under Mid day Meal Scheme from FCI Godown, which were taken to Narela for sale in open market, were seized by the Crime Branch. An FIR No. 168/07 was lodged in the Police Station, Narela. The Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi is conducting a Departmental Enquiry to ascertain facts of the case.